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Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2019 3:13 PM
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Subject: Fw: Crimebusters Meeting

FYI...Captain Mendoza handled it.

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Karen,
Thanks for your proactive response to this. I spoke with her today at length, no need to reach out to her.

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Good Afternoon,

This email was brought to my attention today and I am looking for your input before I respond. Since the papers are free, I could not think of a crime. It's rude, but is it a crime. You can see from the screen shots, it's clearly intentional and they are proud of themselves.

To confirm I spoke with Detective Dennis Noone and he agreed.

Your suggestions? Do we want to meet with them ahead of the meeting? I would appreciate your insight and direction.

Sincerely, Karen

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Captain Mendoza, Sean and Duke

I understand that you are hosting a special meeting for Crimebusters members Monday to hear their concerns.

I myself am concerned that I reached out to you when members of that group were harassing me, trying to put my home address on Facebook and threatening me – and I heard nothing from you. They are also dumping our papers from our distribution points – which is blatantly illegal.

I want to attend the meeting but from with the negative communication I am actually afraid of attending.

I have always had a good relationship with LAPD Topanga and would like to continue that, but we need to improve communication.

This is the third time I've reached out all of you. I'm asking for support from the police department. If I need to bring this to a higher level I will. It is unacceptable not to get a response from you, especially when it is not about the paper but my personal safety.

I would like to meet with the three of you before Monday's meeting to talk to you about the focus of that meeting and what you intend to say when they bring up the newspaper. Many of members of group are extremely rabid and several people who are privy to their site have warned me that I am in danger. (see attached)

Kathleen Sterling

Quotes from more rational members:

Hi Kathleen, I'm not sure if you are aware about the bad blood between Fern and Dan Brin. Her group is misrepresenting his involvement as a member of the Advisory Board of your publications. Many people think he is an editor and directly contributing to the articles you published

regarding Fern's crime groups. Reading some of the comments in that group, I am a little concerned about your personal safety and that of workers connected with distribution of your publications. Be careful. We are living in crazy times with a number of lunatics out there in the community.

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I did notice this morning that the post was taken down. When I looked yesterday evening, there were over 100 likes on it which only highlights the mentality that has been encouraged there. Those who bragged about throwing away your papers should be publicly identified and prosecuted.

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Crimebuster members threatening and intimidating innocent neighbors who they don't agree with has been the last straw for me. While some (not all) of those posts are removed after a few hours or days, it has become a lynch mob of often quite unstable individuals. Whether it's just a policy agreement or a simple dispute about noise from the Crimebuster administrator's favorite bar, the threats are out of line and rightfully concerning. If anyone makes a statement that Fern or one of the regulars disagrees with, you are essentially bullied into shutting up. She often has used the LAPD involvement in the group to justify intimidation tactics. Her statement "we don't hate" is far outweighed by the actual behavior of her members who she frequently encourages with replies or emojis. Many of those members have been on the forum for years and continue to intimidate others.

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The current dialogue in the group about the recent articles chronicling the disturbing dialogue has lost all moral direction. While often good results come out of group participation, the bad is quickly overcoming it. That's a shame because it once had so much promise.

I have spoken to Fern and have met her at events in the past. Her childish and incorrect position that law enforcement can NEVER be criticized for any reason, no matter how justified, is misguided and dangerous. And while the following may sound petty, her extremely poor grade school level grammar and juvenile reactions criticism only highlights that perhaps she is not an effective or moral community leader.

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I am sending this anonymously. I largely agree with your views about the Crimebusters group. I believe it started off with good intentions but devolved into an often hateful screed. Often racist. The dog whistle language that condones hate and violence is abhorrant. I have seen administrators often incorrectly profile or keep images of citizens who were proven to be innocent up on the site. There have been cases where the officers condoned keeping the photos up though the subjects were simply residents. The list goes on.

Of particular interest to you, however is a recent post, where members are posting locations where they are throwing away all of your papers. I think this is illegal. You have paid advertisers and these people are listing the locations where you deliver so they can remove your entire circulation. I do have screen shots if you wish to see them.

I will say there is a helpful element to the group. I have seen crime averted and often needed arrests would not normally have been made without the group. But the encouragement of hateful behavior and speech has created a hostile environment. Lately it seems Fern's greatest crusade is promoting the bullying residents who live around Malibu Wines who have complained about the noise. She is literally weaponizing her followers to harass residents while lying about the nature of their complaint so she can keep her favorite

bar. It was at this point where I realize she had lost all objectivity and has let her agency over the group go to her head.

Please feel free email me if you would like to communicate further. I can likely remember instances where the group has gone off the rails with racist and hateful talk and many of those posts likely remain.

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